GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:299
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FUNDS TO GRAMS PANCHAYAT AND ZILA PARISHADS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission proposes to examine the National Advisory Committee`s suggestion on transfer of two-thirds of the funds given to States under various central sponsored schemes (CSS) to Gram Panchayats and Zila Parishads;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent to which the Planning Commission has agreed to provide funds to the Gram Panchayats and Zila Parishads directly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): The Planning Commission has received a proposal from the National Advisory Council(NAC) wherein it has been suggested that for each State, 1/3rd of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) grants can be devolved to gram panchayats, 1/3rd to zila parishads and 1/3rd can be used by the State. This proposal requires in depth examination.